

AMENDED IN SENATE APRIL 29, 2004

SENATE BILL

No. 1415

Introduced by Senator Brulte

February 19, 2004

An act to add Article 1.5 (commencing with Section 66725) to Chapter 9.2 of Part 40 of the Education Code, relating to postsecondary education.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 1415, as amended, Brulte. Postsecondary education: Donahoe Higher Education Act: common course numbering system.

Existing law, known as the Donahoe Higher Education Act, sets forth, among other things, the missions and functions of California's public and independent segments of higher education, and their respective institutions of higher education. Provisions of the act apply to the University of California only to the extent that the Regents of the University of California, by appropriate resolution, act to make a provision applicable.

Existing law requires the Board of Governors of the California Community Colleges to develop, maintain, and disseminate a general common course numbering system for use by community college districts.

This bill would provide that, not later than January 1, 2006, each campus of the California Community Colleges and the California State University shall adopt, and each campus of the University of California and private postsecondary institutions may adopt, a common course numbering system. The bill would require the California Articulation Number (CAN) Board to adopt and maintain a statewide common course numbering system for the California Community Colleges, the

California State University, the University of California, and participating private postsecondary educational institutions. The bill would further require each campus of a public postsecondary educational institution to incorporate the common course numbering system in its catalogue by identifying each course for which a California articulation number has been adopted by its CAN identifier. The bill would specify that the incorporation of these numbers into a campus catalogue would occur at the next adoption of a campus catalogue after January 1, 2006.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes. State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Article 1.5 (commencing with Section 66725)
2 is added to Chapter 9.2 of Part 40 of the Education Code, to read:

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4 Article 1.5. Common Course Numbering System

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6 66725. It is the intent of the Legislature to facilitate
7 articulation and seamless integration of California's
8 postsecondary institutions by facilitating the adoption and
9 integration of a common course numbering system among the
10 public and private postsecondary institutions. The purpose of
11 building and implementing a common course numbering system
12 is to provide for the effective and efficient progression of students
13 within and among the higher education segments and to minimize
14 duplication of coursework.

15 66725.3. (a) Not later than January 1, 2006, each campus of
16 the California Community Colleges and the California State
17 University shall adopt, and each campus of the University of
18 California and private postsecondary institutions may adopt, a
19 common course numbering system as adopted by the California
20 Articulation Number (CAN) Board.

21 (b) Not later than June 30, 2005, the CAN Board shall adopt
22 and maintain a statewide common course numbering system for
23 the California Community Colleges, the California State
24 University, the University of California, and participating private
25 postsecondary educational institutions.



(c) Each campus of a public postsecondary educational institution shall incorporate the common course numbering system in its catalogue by identifying each course for which a California articulation number has been adopted by its CAN identifier. This incorporation into a campus catalogue shall occur at the next adoption of a campus catalogue after January 1, 2006.

66725.5. (a) It is the intent of the Legislature to accomplish all of the following:

(1) In implementing this article, the public postsecondary educational institutions and other parties involved should build upon existing programs and activities, such as the existing California Articulation Number (CAN) system, the Intersegmental Major Preparation Articulated Curriculum (IMPAC) Project, the Intersegmental General Education Transfer Curriculum (IGETC), and the Articulation System Stimulating Interinstitutional Student Transfer (ASSIST).

~~(2) Existing resources dedicated, either by public postsecondary educational institutions or in the annual Budget Act, to the programs and activities listed in paragraph (1) should be redirected for the purposes of this article.~~

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(2) The University of California should fully participate in and implement the provisions of this article.

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(3) The annual Budget Act should be utilized to ensure the participation of each of the public postsecondary educational institutions in the purposes of this article.

(b) The Legislature finds and declares that compliance with this article by the community colleges does not create a reimbursable mandate for each of the following reasons:

(1) Because activities associated with updating course requirements and publications may be incorporated within, or redirected from, existing course development, update, and maintenance processes.

(2) Because costs for changing catalogues and class schedules may be included in the price charged to purchasers of these publications.

(3) Because offsetting administrative savings will result from fewer resources being necessary to provide academic advising, transfer counseling, and other related services.

- 1 (4) Because, pursuant to Section 71027, adjustments related to
- 2 common course numbering are already an ongoing activity of the
- 3 California Community Colleges.

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